

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

October 30, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
James Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to share with you our strong support and encouragement for a revised loan application which has been submitted by Abound Solar, Inc. to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) under the Department's Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program.

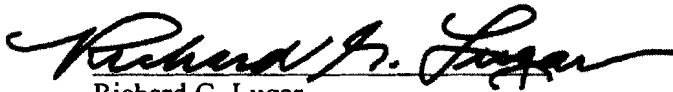
This revised application is important. Abound Solar plans to manufacture next generation thin-film solar photovoltaic (PV) modules at a location in Tipton County, Indiana. Abound Solar has a major opportunity to be a low-cost producer of thin-film PV panels and sell these panels competitively priced in the global marketplace. Abound Solar indicated that their PV modules will be capable of supplying solar energy at costs competitive with conventional fossil fuels. This advantage translates into important economic benefits to Tipton County, the State of Indiana and indeed the nation at this critical juncture.

Abound Solar has prepared a comprehensive long-term plan for production in an unused auto-related building that was built but abandoned just prior to the Chrysler bankruptcy. Significantly, Abound Solar plans to create almost a thousand full-time jobs that the company and state officials estimate will generate several hundred million dollars in revenue, in addition to increased levels of economic activity in the region.

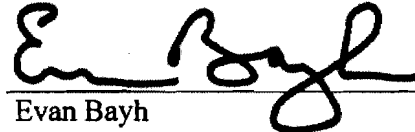
We commend our state and local officials for their concerted efforts to attract industries to locate and prosper in Indiana. We are encouraged by the increased emphasis on energy efficiency and on renewable sources of energy generation for the nation. We believe Indiana will play an important role in our shared goals in this important area, and we want to help DOE with these objectives. We are confident you will give thoughtful and thorough consideration of the merits of the application submitted by Abound Solar, Inc.

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you our interest in – and strong support for – this worthwhile request.

Sincerely,



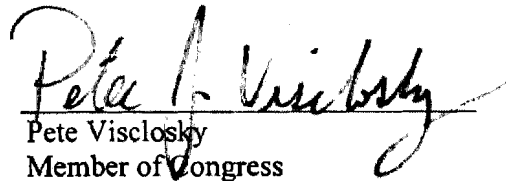
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United States Senator



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From: De Vos, Erica
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2009 2:24 PM
To: Mackall, Brenda; Holloway, Geneva; Carpenter, Catherine
Subject: Fw: Two letters from Sen. Lugar to Sec. Chu

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For logging, thank you.

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From: Levy, Jonathan
To: De Vos, Erica; Cunningham, Derrick
Cc: Marks, Howard
Sent: Fri Oct 30 14:00:23 2009
Subject: FW: Two letters from Sen. Lugar to Sec. Chu

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From: McCardle, Kylin (Lugar) [mailto:Kylin_McCardle@lugar.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2009 1:55 PM
To: Levy, Jonathan; Marks, Howard
Subject: Two letters from Sen. Lugar to Sec. Chu
Importance: High

Hi Jonathan and Howard -

I wanted to share with you a copy of each of the following letters that Senator Lugar sent this week to Secretary Chu.

The first letter is from members of the Indiana delegation expressing to Secretary Chu their support for a revised loan application that has been submitted by Abound Solar for a DOE loan guarantee. The original version of this letter will also be delivered to DOE this afternoon.

The second letter is from Senator Lugar only. In it, he shares with Secretary Chu a proposal and invitation to promote energy efficiency by Bryan Herta Autosport, a Hoosier IndyCar racing team. The invitation and proposal from Bryan Herta Autosport is also attached.

I'd great appreciate it if you could help ensure that these letters get into the right hands at the department.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend!

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